

(ii) Effective enforcement of traffic rules and regulations and prosecution of violators.

(iii) Ensuring proper road-engineering aspects like adequate lighting and intersection geometries, road traffic infrastructure including road furniture, traffic control devices, road signs and road marking, etc.

(iv) Education of road user public and affected groups through effective campaign on Road Safety matters through various media such as electronic media, print media, display boards and continuous announcements through amplifiers at important intersections.

Closure of Oil Extraction Industry

† 3000. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small and cottage industries engaged in oil extraction in the country are closed down due to non-availability of oilseeds perennially;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the average number of months in which oil extraction is estimated to be done in the country; and

(c) the total number of small and cottage industries are engaged in oil extraction in the country as per the estimates of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No small unit engaged in oil extraction has closed down due to nonavailability of oil seeds. According to Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, there has been significant increase in the production of oil seeds over the years. KVIC also provides loan

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

assistance to the oil seed crushing units for procuring and stocking oil seeds. Oil seed crushing season is estimated at six to eight months in a year.

(c) The estimated number of oil crushing units in the small scale sector and the KVIC sector is around 68,000 and 25,000 respectively.

Threat to Small Entrepreneurs

3001. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present policy of liberalisation and the resultant new trade regime has posed a serious threat to the survival of the small entrepreneurs and the rural and agro industries;

(b) if so, in what manner Government would tackle this situation; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The small scale sector as a whole has been exposed to greater competition due to globalisation and the resultant new trade regime. To strengthen the small scale sector and to enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, the Government announced a Comprehensive Policy Package on 30th August, 2000 which includes easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.